Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for analyzing text in a natural language, the method comprising:

constructing a hierarchical tree representing a text in a natural language; and

applying a reduce rule to the hierarchical tree in a specified context, the rule applicable only to an instance of a predetermined sub-hierarchy of the hierarchical tree.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said step of applying comprises specifying the predetermined sub-hierarchy as a path through the hierarchical tree.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of applying further comprises

specifying the predetermined sub-hierarchy as a path through the hierarchical tree, the path a sequence of nodes starting at the root of the hierarchical tree.

Claim 4(original): The method of claim 2, wherein the step of applying further comprises

specifying the predetermined sub-hierarchy as a path through the hierarchical tree, the path a sequence of nodes starting at an instance of a node other than the root of the hierarchical tree.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for constructing a text analyzer, the method comprising:

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enabling a user to specify reduce rules for a hierarchical tree representing text in a natural language; and

enabling the user to specify a rule in a context, applicable only to an instance of a predetermined sub-hierarchy of the hierarchical tree.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A data store wherein is located a computer program for constructing a text analyzer by:

enabling a user to specify reduce rules for a hierarchical tree representing text in a natural language; and

enabling the user to specify a rule in a context, applicable only to an instance of a predetermined sub-hierarchy of the hierarchical tree.

Claim 7 (original): A computer system for creating a text analyzer, the computer system comprising:

the data store of claim 6; and

a CPU, communicatively coupled to the data store and for executing the computer program in the data store.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for analyzing text in a natural language, the method comprising:

constructing a hierarchical tree representing a text in a natural language; and

applying rules in a specified context to nodes of the hierarchical tree to transform the tree, the rules having elements and suggested nodes; and

associating data with a node that matches an element of a rule.

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Claim 9 (currently amended):   A method for analyzing text in a natural language, the method comprising:

constructing a hierarchical tree representing a text in a natural language;

applying rules in a specified context to nodes of the hierarchical tree to transform the tree, the rules having an elements and a suggested node; and

associating data with a node that matches a suggested node of a rule.

Claim 10 (original):   A method for analyzing text in a natural language, the method comprising:

constructing a hierarchical tree representing a text in a natural language; and

applying rules to nodes of the hierarchical tree to transform the tree, a rule having a context that is an instance of a predetermined sub-hierarchy of the hierarchical tree; and

associating data with a node that matches the context of a rule.